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1. WITH REFERENCE TO ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP ON POLITICAL MILITARY MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST (INCLUDING CAVAZOS/WAGGENER VISIT), THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW THE MATTER OF FY 1977 FMS CREDITS FOR PERU:

--- STATE 258167 OF 1975 AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE TO GOP OF PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS IN FMS CREDITS FOR FY 76 REPEAT 76. WE ALSO ASKED GOP IF THEY WOULD ACCEPT AND TO GIVE US A LIST OF MAJOR ITEMS, IN PRIORITY ORDER, OF EXPECTED PURCHASES. GOP OFFICIALLY RESPONDED ON NOVEMBER 10, 1975.

--- MAAG MESSAGE 152032Z MARCH 1976 ADVISED THAT GOP HAS INDICATED TO MAAG THAT FY 75 AND FY 76 FUNDS WERE COMMITTED. MAAG THAT OUTSTANDING ARMY FMS CASES AND CASES BEING PREPARED EXCEEDED PERU ARMY PORTION OF FY 75 AND 76 CREDITS.

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--- STATE 234245 STATED THAT GOP HAD NO UNUSEE FMS CREDITS

PRIOR TO FY 7T.

--- STATE 43820 AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE TO GOP OF PRESIDENTIAL
PROPOSAL OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS FMS CREDITS FOR FY 77.

2. DURING APRIL 1976 VISIT TO U.S. OF PERU ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF,
OFFICIALS OF OSD/ISA EXPLAINED HOW GOP WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM USE
OF CREDITS BY USING THE "DEPENDABLE UNDERTAKING" METHOD OF
PURCHASES. ADDITIONALLY, GOP WAS TOLD THAT FY 76 AND FY 77
CREDITS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY MAY-JUNE, 1976. OF COURSE,
THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT OFFICIAL AND THE USUAL CAVEATS ABOUT
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WERE MADE. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE DIS-CUSSIONS WHICH WERE BASED ON GOP CONCERN AS TO
WHETHER THEY HAD MONIES TO PAY FOR PURCHASES, A "GENTLEMANLY"
ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN THAT GOP WOULD HAVE FY 76 AND FY 77 CREDITS.
THE GOP ACTEE ON THAT BELIEF AND BASED ON MAAG RECORDS HERE
WE BELIEVE IT IS COMMITTED TO PURCHASES GREATER THAN ITS FY
7T (IN LIEU OF FY 76) AND FY 77 CREDITS OF TWENTY MILLION
DOLLARS EACH FY.

3. FMS CREDIS FOR FY 1977 OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS,
PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE BACKGROUND CITED ABOVE, WILL BE A KES
FACTOR IF WE ARE TO WORK SUCCESSFULLY WITH GOP TO MINIMIZE
THE POLITICAL EFFECT RESULTING FROM SOVIET ARMS SALES.
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